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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of : Ramesh Gupta, et al.  
Serial No. : 09/712,654  
Filed : November 14, 2000  
For : A METHOD FOR EXTENDING OPERATING LIFE OF A  
FIXED BED REACTOR  
Attorney Docket No. : ECB-0010  
Group Art Unit: : 1764  
Examiner : B. Ridley

**AMENDMENT/REPLY**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 5, 2001, in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants provide the following and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the application. This Amendment/Reply is filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination.

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Transmittal herewith is an amendment/reply in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made, if and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$ 110.00 to extend the time for filing this response until OCTOBER 5, 2001.

The fee for any changes in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

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Indep. Claims	*	Minus	***		x 80.00	
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The total fee for this Amendment/Reply/RCE, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 740.00

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☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 05-1330.  
A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

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